

experience and tragedy that the lasting relationships of this world have been founded. The Caribbean itself is no stranger to struggle and tragedy regardless of what language they may speak. All of these nations have experienced the exploitations of slavery, the annihilation of its indigenous people and the colonization of a world power—yet they are still standing and striving to develop economies that can sustain development and compete under the new rules of globalization.

It is this common bond of fortitude and resilience that must be recognized and cherished. Nonetheless in an effort to solidify, we have become divisive. Something as powerful as language is often used as a tool to divide. The variety of cultures found within the Caribbean should not be used as boxes to contain the cultures of nations but rather as connecting bonds that will link them in a chain that will anchor their nations as a whole.

I call upon the Dominican Republic to be a leader in the Spanish speaking Caribbean and to pick up the torch to set ablaze the cauldron of solidarity amongst the Caribbean. Being Caribbean transcends the lines of language and ethnicity to the broader scope of history and culture. From the food—arroz y habichuelas or rice and peas, to the music—reggaeton or reggae, everywhere one can see the bonds that unite us. I believe that the Dominican Republic, as well as the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, is in a strategic position to initiate this dialogue and I urge them to lead.

IN HONOR OF MONTGOMERY'S
JOHN V. WARMS

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Montgomery Township's John V. Warms who passed away June 13 at the age of 71. Born and raised in Newark, NJ, John Warms was a resident of the Skillman section of Montgomery for more than 36 years.

A graduate of Carteret Academy, Montclair State College and Seton Hall University, John spent 32 years with the New Jersey Education Association as a field representative, negotiator and teacher rights case manager.

He was also an active member of state and national education professional associations. Mr. Warms is known for developing special national projects such as "Read Across America" and Drug-Free School Zones. And he helped to establish the Paul Demetrius Fund, and with the help of his friends and neighbors established the National Staff Organization and served as its president for 25 years.

Throughout this lifetime, John received many awards, most importantly the ACLU Roger Baldwin Civil Liberties Award. Following retirement, John was a vice-president of Teachscape, a professional development company for teachers.

He also represented New Jersey Probation Officers and served as a legal consultant for the Klausner Hunter law firm. Most recently, John served as special assistant to the president of Raritan Valley Community College for developmental projects.

John Warms' passion for education and advocacy for teachers and students came from

his personal experiences—he was himself a teacher at Winfield Park and Piscataway school systems.

John Warms was a bedrock in the community in which he lived. He served three terms on the Montgomery Township Committee with his most recent term ending in 2007. John Warms proudly served as mayor of Montgomery during 1992.

John's civic involvement also included liaisons with the Montgomery Police Department and Recreation Committee; Skillman Village negotiations with New Jersey; Route 206 modifications, and served on the Planning Board. He was a member of the Princeton B.P.O. Elks, and was a leader in the "Operation Friends" campaign to provide relief for Hurricane Katrina victims in Alabama.

John Warms also coached several middle and high school soccer and baseball teams, traveling soccer and baseball teams, and was the president of the Montgomery High School Booster Club.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Peg, and children Christopher of Hamilton, Peter and Joanne of Lambertville and Annie of Lawrenceville. Also surviving are three delightful grandsons, Tanner Kell, Cole and Thomas Warms.

Thank you John Warms for your contributions to the Montgomery community and New Jersey as a whole. You will be greatly missed.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice—Office of Justice Programs (OJP)—Juvenile Justice Project Funding Amount: \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County Sheriff

Address of Requesting Entity: 455 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830

Description of Request: The Polk County Sheriff's Office has placed an earmark request of \$250,000 in order to supplement funding for the Polk County Gang Prevention Initiative. This critical program will continue work to thwart gang activity in Central Florida. According to the Polk County Sheriffs Office (PCSO) Gang Unit, there are currently 16 known national gangs and 24 known local "hybrid" gangs operating in the Polk County area. Funding for this project will expand the PCSO current anti-gang programs in Polk County to investigate, document, coordinate, and suppress gang related activity. Currently, the Polk County Sheriff's Office has a specialized Gang Unit which will utilize the federal dollars to develop strategies to combat gangs through community patrols. Funding will also be used toward the creation of presentations directed at children, adults, parents, teachers, school

administrators, and other law enforcement officials to educate individuals on the threats posed by gang activity and to promote overall awareness in an effort to reduce gang activity and violence.

STATEMENT BY THE HONORABLE
CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 95th Anniversary of the Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Red Cross gained national recognition in 1881 through the efforts of its founder, Clara Barton. The Inland Northwest Chapter of the Red Cross, established in 1914, has continued to carry out its founder's mission to provide disaster relief and to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies on local, national, and international levels.

Responding to its 1905 Congressional Charter to "serve as a medium between the citizens of the United States and the Army and the Navy," the Inland Northwest Chapter has been active in providing relief in all major international conflicts of the past century. The organization demonstrated its dedication in WWI by raising funds and providing hospitality services and during the Second World War by providing clothing, supplies, medical aid, and a portion of much needed blood donations to members of our armed forces. Following the end of the Vietnam War, the Inland Northwest Chapter participated in a massive resettlement program for Vietnamese refugees.

In addition to providing aid during international conflicts, volunteers from the Inland Northwest Chapter have assisted victims of national disasters since the Great Depression, when the Red Cross transferred wheat surpluses throughout the country. Recently, the organization has alleviated suffering after national emergencies such as the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the terrorist attacks of 9/11, and Hurricane Katrina.

This year, the chapter is working to strengthen ties with local members of the military, by establishing an office at Fairchild Air Force Base and by making weekly visits to the Spokane VA Medical Center. Historically, the Red Cross has played a key role in helping deployed soldiers communicate with their families. This July, the Inland Northwest Chapter plans to expand their services by moving these communications in-house. Other ongoing chapter activities include education and preparation for emergencies and 24-hour support for disaster victims, especially those affected by house fires.

Madam Speaker, I believe the dedication shown by the Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross and their ongoing efforts to prevent, prepare for, and assist in the most critical disaster situations are worthy of recognition before this body. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross by observing and celebrating 95 years of selfless dedication to service.